

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND TREATMENT FACILITIES

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the primary health care and treatment facilities at the coastal areas of the country are pathetically inadequate ;

(a) if so, the action taken /proposed to be taken to prevent spread of infectious diseases along the coastal areas ; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Government is aware of gaps in health care facilities, in terms of physical infrastructure and manpower, in the country, including coastal areas. As health is primarily a State subject, States are advised from time to time to fill up the existing gaps on priority basis.

(b) & (c) Prevention of spread of infectious diseases is carried out through surveillance and prompt containment measures and through several National Disease Control and Eradication Programmes such as National TB Control Programme, National Leprosy Eradication Programme, National Aids Control Programme, Nation Vector Borne Diseases Control Programme, Control of Diarrhoea and Universal Immunization Programme against Vaccine preventable diseases in the country, including coastal areas. .